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Part B for September 1928

SUBJECT

Reports the displacement of the idols of Sri Rameswara and Sri Parvati in the temple on the Gudibanda Hills and states that a sum of Rs 300/- has been sanctioned in anticipation for Sanctorekshane Expenses & recommends sanction to the same

G.O. No. 533-4 dated 4-9-1928

To the Mysore Commr

The recommendation of the Mysore Commissioner is sanctioned.

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OFFICE OF THE MUZRAI COMMISSIONER IN MYSORE,

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FROM

The Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore

28 AUG. 1928
No. 1435

TO

For favour B. Srinivasa [illegible], Esqrs, B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of
Madras Law Department,

SIR,

I have the honor to state that the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District reports in his letter No.A. C.701-30-7 dated the 24th August 1928 (copy enclosed) that the idols of Sri Rameshwara and Sri Parvati in the Sri Rameshwara temple on the Gudibanda Hills in the Gudibanda Sub Taluk are reported to have been displaced from their former position on the pedestal, that the materials generally found at the base of the idols are missing, that a detailed report is expected both from the Sub Division Officer and the Police Superintendent who are requested to investigate the occurrence that in anticipation of sanction he has sanctioned a sum of Rs.300/- as a maximum for Samprokshane expenses.

Further report is awaited and will be submitted on receipt of the same in this office.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Muzrai Commissioner.

Letter No.M2.C.331, [illegible] Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District to the [illegible] Mysore.

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Removal of idols of Sri [illegible] and Sri [illegible] in the -- temple of Sri Rameswara on the Gudibanda Hill.

I have the honor to state that the Deputy Tahsildar of Chikballapura Sub Taluk, reports that the idol of Sri Rameswara Devaru on the --- Gudibanda Hill had been displaced from its former position on the pedestal and that the idol of Sri Parvathi had been removed from the pedestal and placed against the wall. It is also reported that the idols have not been mutilated and necessary police investigation is being going on etc., and that the materials generally found at the -- base of the idol were missing, the object being theft, as is usually the case in such occurrences.

2. The Sub Division Officer, Chikballapur Sub Division, reports that he is proceeding to the place to look into the matter. He also states that a detailed report will be sent later on in the matter.

3. I have asked the District Superintendent of Police Kolar to visit the spot and to investigate the matter. On receipt of further

further reports in the matter further communication will be made to you.

4. I have sanctioned in anticipation of your approval a sum of Rs.30 as a maximum for Samprokshane purposes."

"C o p y"

For Mukhtar Commissioner.

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OFFICE OF THE MUZRAI COMMISSIONER IN MYSORE,

Bangalore...

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FROM

The Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore.

To

P. Srinivasa Iyengar, B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of
Rights and Labour,
Financial Department.

Please put up draft of
and submit Memorandum

SIR,

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In continuation of my letter ... dated ... regarding the displacement of the idols of Sri Rameswara and Sri Parvathi in the temple of Sri Rameswara of the Gudibanda Sub Taluk, I beg to forward herewith the copies of further communications received from the Deputy Commissioner on the subject. As desired by him I have authorised him to incur the necessary expenditure for the carrying of ceremonies required, the deficiency being met from the General Muzrai funds. I am also sending the agamik of my office to assist in the ceremonies. Mr. Taj Peeran was here yesterday and he assures me that no significance need be attached to this incident as it is presumably an ordinary theft and there is no local feeling or excitement. Sanction of Government may kindly be obtained to meet the deficiency from the General Muzrai funds as the institution has Rs.33-10-0 only at its credit and as the Deputy Commissioner requires a sum of Rs.300/-.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Muzrai Commissioner

Dft p.o Sanctioning, is Submitted as desired.

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Letter No.A2.C.334/28-29 dated 24th August 1928 from the Deputy Commissioner Kolar District to the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore.

Removal of idols of Sri Rameswara and Sri Parvathi in the temple of Sri Rameswara on the Gudiyanda Hill.

I have the honour to state that the Deputy Amildar of Chintamani Sub Taluk, reports that the idol of Sri Rameswara Swamy on the Gudiyanda Hill had been displaced from its former position on the pedestal and that the idol of Sri Parvathi had been removed from its pedestal and placed against the wall. It is also reported that the idols have not been mutilated and necessary police investigation is going on etc., and that the materials generally found at the base of the idol were missing, the object being theft, as is usually the case in such occurrences.

The Sub Division Officer, Chikballapur Sub Division, reports that he is proceeding to the place to look into the matter. He also states that a detailed report will be sent later on in the matter.

3. I have asked the District Superintendent of police Kolar to visit the spot and to investigate the matter. On receipt of further reports in the matter further communication will be made to you.

4. I have sanctioned in anticipation of your approval a sum of Rs.300/- as a maximum of Samprokshane purposes."

"C o p y"

For Muzrai Commissioner.

Copy of letter No. [illegible] dated [illegible] from the District Superintendent of Police [illegible] to the Commissioner, Kolar District.

In obedience to your order [illegible] directing me to visit Gudibanda [illegible] of the removal of the idols of Sri Kameshwaradevaru and Sri Parvathy Amma on the Gudibanda Hill, I have the honour to state as follows:-

The District Inspector of [illegible] Sunday the 19th instant, and performed pooja there. The archak Manjundappa states that as per custom, pooja is performed on the top of the hill every Monday and he performed the pooja on that day morning (20th instant). The images of Sri Kameshwara and Sri Parvathi were in stock and no injury was done to the same. The Archak did not visit the temple on Tuesday and on Wednesday (22nd August 28) two Vaisya gentlemen Lakshmiah Setty and Narayana Setty of Yelloor village, (Gudibanda) wanted to perform pooja on the top of the hill, and they wanted the archak to go on the top of the hill with them. The two Vaisya gentlemen started in advance, to climb the hill and on the way they met some Mahomedans namely Sahu Sab, Mohadin Sab, Abdul Sathar, Dastagir Sahel and Karim Sahib who were also going to the hill from Gudibanda. Of these Sahu Sab and Mohadin Sab came from Kaiva a village of Chintamani Taluk and Abdul Sattar and Dastagir Sab belonging to Chickballapur town and Kareem Sab is a local resident of Gudibanda. These people came to Gudibanda on Tuesday evening in order to arrange for a betrothel ceremony in the house of Karim Sab. On Wednesday morning they went up the hill to see the place. The two Vaisya gentlemen Lakshmiah setty and Narayana Setty met them on their way and asked them where they were going. They stated that they came from Chickballapur and were going up the hill to see the place. The said two vaisya gentlemen followed them, and just below the temple there is a pond and they stopped there to take a bath. These four Mahomedans were sitting near the temple. The archak who came behind went into the temple and saw the damage that was done to the ~~image~~ immages and asked the vaisya gentlemen to stop where they were and that he would go into the town of Gudibanda and come back. He came to Gudibanda and reported the fact to the Sub Inspector of Gudibanda and the Deputy Amildar, who all went up the hill and drew up the necessary mahazar after examining all the people present.

The doors of the temple are opened by means of an iron key, as the door was not locked from outside and the image of Sri Rameswara removed to one side and the Parivatta is removed, and they have dug nearly two feet in order to carry away the hidden treasure from there. From the inspection of the excavation that is made, it looks that there was a small pot kept there which has been taken off. The images of Sri Rameswara and Sri Parvathamma are not damaged in any way. In the temple of Sri Parvathamma they have simply pushed aside the image of the Goddess to one side and they have not dug there. The image of the Goddess is very carefully left standing by the support of the wall. The Goddess has a white seere which is not taken away nor the least damage done to the Gods.

I have found the following gentlemen namely (1) Lakshmiah Setty of Tellodu (2) Krishniah Setty of Gudibanda, (3) A.G.Narayana Rao, Contractor Gudibanda (4) Venkachar, Jouidar, Gudibanda (5) Pyanna Vice President, (6) Narasimhalu Naidu, Municipal Councillor (7) Peeda Narasimhatta, Purohit and (8) Shama Rao Patel.

They are all of opinion that it is the work of professional thieves, who have dug up the Sri Rameswara temple in order to carry away the hidden treasure which according to custom it is stated is always kept beneath the image when a new temple is constructed. This temple was built years ago by the Palyagars and no body can say what it contained.

From the investigation made and on inspecting the spot, I am of opinion that this work is done by professional temple Thieves in order to carry away the hidden money that is kept beneath the image of God installed in the temple.

In this connection a reference was made by the Superintendent of Police, Anantapur District, stating that there were frequent temple thefts committed in his district and asking whether there were any temple thieves in Kolar District. No temple thefts were reported in this District except one on 25-5-1926 in Mittemari village of Pagepalli Taluk. No property was taken off in this case and it is stated that only the image was turned to one side. Since then no temple theft case was reported.

The removal of the idol of Sri Rameswara is evidently the

work of professional temple thieves [illegible] Superintendent of Police, Chamarajanagar [illegible] held a meeting of the police Inspectors [illegible] and Pagepalli at Gundlupet to correct [illegible] of this case. I request that the Inspector General of Police Mysore, be addressed to depute a C.I.D. Inspector to assist the local police in the investigation of this case of [illegible]. I have ordered the police Inspector of Chamarajanagar to [illegible] investigation of this case. The images of Sri Ramaswamy and Sri Parvathamma are in no way damaged.

I also examined Abdul Sattar, Mastagi Sab, and [illegible] are respectable people doing business at Chamarajnagar, and from the investigation made they are not suspected by any body.

Further progress made in the investigation of this case will be duly reported.

"C o p y"

For Mysore Commissioner.

[illegible] temple of Jerusalem [illegible] Colonel Hill.

In continuation of letter C.A2-C.0[illegible]/[illegible]-39 dated 1-c. 2c relating to the above subject, I have the order to for[illegible] -- hereunto for information a copy of letter C.C.S/30-3 dated --- 27-3-1938 fro[illegible] the District Superintendent of Police, Hoter.

"C o p y"

[illegible]

For Colonel [illegible] letter.

Letter No.A2-C.324/28-29 dated 29th August 1928 from the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District to the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore.

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Removal of idols of Sri Rameswara and Sri Parvathi in the temple of Sri Rameswara on the Gudibanda hill.

In continuation of my letter No.A2-C.324/28-29 dated 24-8-28 relating to the above subject, stating that I had sanctioned in anticipation of your approval a sum of Rs.300/- for Samprokshane and Pratishte purposes, I have the honor to state that the sum was sanctioned on the presumption that the institution had suffic funds at its credit to meet this unforseen expenditure. I theref request that you will be so good as to kindly sanction this amoun out of the general Muzrai Funds. The temple is a village institu tion. It is also necessary that the Agamic of your office be deputed to lead the ceremonies with the local Agmic and the Archa. I therefore request that you will kindly issue necessary orders. The date of the commencement of the ceremonies is fixed to the 3rd proximo.

In this connection I desire to say that the ceremony that has to be observed now is not "Samprokshane" but is "Pratistapane" which therefore requires at least Rs.300/- for expenses. The institution is reported to have no account to its credit and a sum of Rs.300/- is necessary which may kindly be sanctioned from the General Muzrai Funds."

"C o p y"

For Muzrai Commissioner.

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Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Date of issue 4/9/28

Signed by Mr L.K. Ramaswamy

R.S.

Read—

Correspondence ending with letter no C379 dy 31st Mar 28 from the Muz. Comr in Mysore submitting Comns dy 26th Mar 28 (+ 29th) from the D.C. Kolar enquiring the displacement of the idols of Sri Rameswara and Sri Parvathi in the temple of Sri Rameswara on the Avalabanda Hill in the Avalabanda Sub-Taluk, and reporting that the D.C. who saw him, assured him that no significance need be attached to the incident as it is presumably an ordinary theft, and there is

Order Thereon No.

May this be

i Printed ?

ii treated as a standing order ?

iii published in the Gazette, English Part ?

iv translated ?

v placed at the disposal of the press ?

vi published in the Gazette Kannada Part ?

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No local feeling and excitement, stating that he has authorized the D.C. to incur the necessary expenses for carrying on the Samprokshane ceremonies etc. required, and recommending sanction of Rs. 2 to meet the deficiency from the local municipal funds, as the union has as 23-12-0 only at its credit, and as the D.C requires a sum of Rs 300/

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The M.C's recommendation is sanctioned.

List of enclosure.

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Proceedings of the Government of His Highness

the Maharaja of Mysore.

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Correspondence ending with letter No. C.379 dated 31st August 1928 from the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore submitting communications dated 24th and 29th August 1928 from the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar, ~~requiring~~ regarding the displacement of the idols of Sri Rameswara and Sri Parvathi in the temple of Sri Rameswara on the Cudibanda Hill in the Cudibanda Sub-Taluk, and stating he has authorized the Deputy Commissioner to incur the necessary expenditure for carrying on the Samprokshane ceremonies &c., required, and recommending sanction of Government to meet the deficiency from the General Muzrai Funds, as the institution has Rs. 25-12-0 only at its credit and as the Deputy Commissioner requires a sum of Rs. 300/-

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Order No. S 33-4 / Muz 28-28-3.

Dated, Bangalore, the 4th September 1928.

The Muzrai Commissioner's recommendation is sanctioned.

for Secretary to Government,
Financial Department.

To

The Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore.

The Comptroller to the Government of Mysore.